Department of Tourism, Government of India, however, provides some financial assistance for tourism projects prioritized inconsultation with them every year. Forty-six projects with Central component of Rs.1334.06 lakhs have been sanctioned for Jammu and Kashmir during the Ninth Plan.

Desiltation of Dams

2512. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that silting of dams is on the increase and this had led to the reduction in useful life of those dams;

(b) if so, the details of multi-purpose dams in the country; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to combat siltation in future and desiltation of those dams?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) Silting of reserviors is a natural phenomena and provision is made at the planning stage itself by way of provision of dead storage for accumulation of sediment in reserviors. Capacity surveys of 15 reserviors got done by Central Water Commission has indicated that there is no reduction in the useful life of these reserviors.

(b) and (c) The details of rate of silting in 27 multipurpose projects is given in the enclosed statement (*see* below). Irrigation being a State subject, steps to control silt in flow into reserviors like identification of vulnerable pockets in the catchment and treatment thereof, afforestation and rehabilitation of degraded forests, development of waste lands lying in the catchment of projects and inclusion of the cost of scheme of treatment of sub-watersheds directly draining into the reserviors as a part of project cost in all the new water resources development schemes are to be taken by the concerned State Governments themselves.

Statement

Details of rate of silting in 27 Multipurpose Projects

Sl.No	Name of State/Name of reservoir	Name of river	Year of first impound-ment	Storage capacity in M. Cu.m	Percentage loss of capacity upto the last survey
1	2	3	4	5	6
		ANDHRA PRADESH			
1.	Nizamsagar	Manjira	1930	841.18	60.47
2.	Sriramsagar	Godavari	1970	3171.94	19.43
		BIHAR			
3.	Konar	Konar	1955	281.23	25.45
4.	Maithon	Barakar	1955	1348.80	19.58
5.	Panchet Hill	Damodar	1956	1581.00	14.10
		GUJARAT			
6.	Bhadar	Bhadar	1983	46.72	23.56
7.	Dharoi	Dharoi	1976	907.88	7.24
8.	Ghee	Ghee	1953	13.84	8.89
9.	Kadana	Mahi	1977	1543.00	4.54
10.	Machhu-II	Machhu	1972	100.55	39.64
11.	Panam	Panam	1977	735.80	2.12
12.	Sasoi	Sasoi	1954	51.02	23.62
13.	Shetrunji	Shetrunji	1959	415.41	25.70
14.	Ukai	Tapi	1972	8510.00	11.90
		HIMACHAL PRADESH			
15.	Pong	Beas	1974	8578.99	7.42
		KARNATAKA			
16.	Krishnaraja Sagar	Hemavathy	1932	1377.62	2.13
17.	Tungabhadra	Tungabhadra	1953	3751.17	15.83
		MADHYA PRADESH			
18.	Gandhisagar	Chambai Maharashtra	1960	7740.00	4.263
19.	Ekruk	Adelanalla	1871	94.30	28.03
20.	Girna	Girna	1965	608.80	8.14
21.	Jayakwadi	Godavari	1976	2909.04	8.59

1	2	3	4	5	6
		ORISSA			
22.	Balimela	Machkund	1972	3610.53	7.83
23.	Hirakud	Mahanadi	1957	8105.00	24.17
		PUNJAB			
24.	Bhakra	Sutlej	1958	9868.00	14.09
		TAMIL NADU			
25.	Mettur/Stanley	Cauvery	1934	2708.76	19.69
26.	Vaigai	Vaigai	1958	194.79	11.50
		UTTAR PRADESH			
27.	Ramganga	Ichari	1974	2449.60	3.23

Draft National Water Policy

2513. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a draft National Water Policy has been formulated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether and to what extent certain views on ownership of water reportedly finanlised in the two-day 'Jal Sammelan' held recently at New Delhi under the aegis of Tarun Bharat Sangh, a Non-Governmental Organisation and others has been accepted and incorporated in the draft policy; and

(d) the details of views of other Non-Governmental Organisations/ experts etc. ascertained and incorporated in the draft policy and the specifies of those which have been left out with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) The National Water Policy which was originally adopted in 1987 has been revised in view of the issues/ emerging challenges during the last 14 years in water resources sector. The draft (revised) National Water Policy was considered by the National Water Resources Council (NWRC) under the